GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF SOYA MEAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of soyameal from the country during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) whether there is a sharp decline in the export of soyameal in 2000-2001;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(d) the steps to increase the export of soyameal; and

(e) the target set for the next financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : The total quantity and value of soyabean oilmeal exported during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and Apr.-Oct.,2000 is as under:-

Year	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs.Crores)
1997-98	2880477	2728.53
1998-99	2882714	1136.71
1999-2000	2405696	1587.95
Apr-Oct,2000	1024395	728.98

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : Some of the steps taken to explore the possibilities for increasing the export of soyabean and its products include participation in International trade fairs, arranging buyer-seller meets, and sponsoring trade delegations abroad.

(e) : No specific target has been set for export of soyabean and its products for the next financial year. Performance of the previous year serves as a benchmark for increasing export of agricultural products including soyabean and its products.